



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Benton County

In September 2013 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Dena Rae Conklin** (RN00106512) that says she must participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. She called-in prescriptions for controlled substances under her son's name, identifying a former supervisor as the prescribing physician. She also failed drug and alcohol tests.

## Clallam County

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Cherie LaRae Cariou** (NA60200425, NC60243922).

## Clark County

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Sergey V. Gensitskiy** (NA00197463) with unprofessional conduct. In 2012 Gensitskiy was convicted of three counts of first-degree child molestation, one count of second-degree child molestation, two counts of third-degree child molestation, and four counts of second-degree incest.

In September 2013 the Nursing Commission denied a licensed practical nurse credential to **Dawn LeAnne Thompson** (LP60304188) after she was unable to provide a witness from her nursing school that she could practice safely.

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In June 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Sean William Martin** (CO60354737). In 2009 Martin was convicted of driving while intoxicated. In 2011 he was convicted of second-degree driving while license suspended or revoked. In 2012 he was convicted of first-degree criminal trespass — domestic violence, and fourth-degree assault — domestic violence.

### **King County**

In September 2013 the Naturopathy Board charged naturopathic physician **Anastasia D. Jones** (NT00001612) with unprofessional conduct. Jones allegedly didn't supply a patient with medical and billing records as required by law, nor did she respond to the Department of Health's request for the records.

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Ernesto P. Dilla** (NA00183524) with unprofessional conduct. The Department of Social and Health Services found Dilla neglected a vulnerable adult while working as a caregiver at an adult family home. Dilla is not allowed to be employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In September 2013 the Nursing Commission ended conditions on the credential of registered nurse **Debra Estenson Cadiente** (RN00075160).

In October 2013 the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to **Cassandra Kay Holbrook** (HM60308497), who falsely stated on her application that the Department of Social and Health Services had never disqualified her from working with vulnerable people.

### **Lewis County**

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Susan Renea Troit**, also known as Susie R. Towne (NA60324887, NC10075645), with unprofessional conduct. Troit allegedly didn't comply with previous requirements to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program and didn't disclose her disciplinary background.

### **Pierce County**

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Hector Lopez** (NC10062644). In 2005 Lopez's credential was revoked for at least five years after he left a patient alone for about 45 minutes. The patient needed a caregiver at all times.

In September 2013 the Home Care Aide Program denied a home care aide credential to **Douglas Ren Fuson** (HM60353513), who was convicted of five gross misdemeanors and one misdemeanor between 2003 and 2012.

In September 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Melinda Sayers** (RN60209905) with unprofessional conduct. Sayers allegedly falsified her husband's application for a financial assistance program, including filling out a physician's exam form and using a physician's approval stamp to authenticate it. Sayers allegedly filled prescriptions for herself without a physician's approval. Charges also say she falsified patient records, admitted it, and resigned when questioned about it. Employees who cleaned out her office allegedly found a signature stamp belonging to a physician assistant who hadn't given Sayers permission to use it.

In October 2013 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Karin Crelling** (D160052307) with unprofessional conduct. Crelling allegedly admitted keeping more than \$4,000 in cash from patients who paid for services at the dental clinic where she worked.

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Tracy Ann Powell** (NC10024365) and ordered her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Her credential was suspended in 2008 after she didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In October 2013 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Michael L. Milasich** (CH00000943) with unprofessional conduct. Milasich's billing for six patients allegedly doesn't match his treatment records. Charges also say Milasich didn't comply with a 2011 agreement — he did not complete a national board exam in ethics and professional boundaries within a specified period, as agreed.

### **Snohomish County**

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Elena A. Dilla** (NA60298768) with unprofessional conduct. The Department of Social and Health Services found Dilla neglected a vulnerable adult while working as a caregiver at an adult family home. Dilla is not allowed to be employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In September 2013 the Radiologic Technologist Program charged radiologic technologist **Zoya Migirova**, also known as Zoya Mushailova (RT00008405), with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Migirova was convicted of six counts of mail fraud and five counts of theft of government funds.

### **Thurston County**

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement granting a certified nursing assistant credential to **Ryan Clearence Heimbuch** (NC60328643). In 2009 Heimbuch was convicted of one count of fourth-degree assault — domestic violence, and two counts of violation of a no contact order — domestic violence. In 2010 he was convicted of felony violation of a post-conviction no contact order — domestic violence.

### **Whatcom County**

In September 2013 the Veterinary Board entered an agreement with veterinarian **Peter M. Rule** (VT00006654) that placed his credential on probation for at least three years. Rule must get a substance abuse evaluation, take continuing education in ethics and in veterinary practice, pass a jurisprudence exam, and pay an \$8,000 fine. Rule's employees saw him divert drugs for his personal use, as well as use unnecessary force with patients. Rule allowed a veterinary assistant to perform duties only a veterinarian should perform. He pressured an unlicensed assistant to perform spay and neuter surgery. An employee saw him leave the clinic at least once while patients were sedated and recovering from surgery. Rule's care was substandard in four cases, including one in which a dog bled to death as a result of a surgical error, and Rule didn't provide medical records to two clients within the required time.

### **Yakima County**

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Crystal Jolynn Sebree-Lehman** (NC60296609).

### **Out of State**

**California:** In September 2013 the Nursing Commission reinstated the registered nursing license of **Lael Johnesse Trudeau** (RN00103612) and placed her on probation for at least three years. Trudeau's credential was suspended in 1994.

**New York:** In October 2013 the Massage Program ended probation for massage practitioner **Christina Yvonne Frenkel** (MA00020847).

**North Dakota:** In October 2013 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **Jessop M. McDonnell** (MD00024539) that placed him on probation for five years. He cannot prescribe hormone medications, must undergo and comply with a clinical skills assessment, and must pay a \$5,000 fine. While practicing at a Pacific County hospital, McDonnell inappropriately treated patients with testosterone and hormones, kept inadequate records, and performed surgery below the standard of care.

**Oregon:** In September 2013 Osteopathic Board denied an osteopathic physician credential to **Ashley William Forsyth** (OP60337194), who surrendered his Oregon credential.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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